IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA HELENA DIVISION

JENNIFER ANN HAMMONS,

Plaintiff.

CV 19-49-H-JTJ

VS.

KILOLO KIJAKAZI, Acting Commissioner of Social Security Administration,

Defendant.

ORDER

Plaintiff Jennifer Ann Hammons (Hammons) has moved for an order approving an award of attorney's fees to her counsel under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1) in the amount of \$27,392.25. The fee amount represents 25% of the past due benefits that Hammons received from the Social Security Administration. The fee amount is consistent with the terms of the retainer agreements that Hammons executed on June 7, 2017, and on September 27, 2018. (Doc. 24-2 at 2-3, Doc. 24-2 at 5-6). The Acting Commissioner of the Social Security Administration does not oppose the motion. (Doc. 25).

The Court finds that the requested fee amount is reasonable.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- 1. Hammon's Motion for an Award of Attorney's Fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1) (Doc. 23) is GRANTED.
- 2. Hammon's attorney is entitled to recover attorney's fees under 42 U.S.C. § 406(b)(1) in the amount of \$27,392.25.
- 3. Upon receipt of this sum, Hammon's attorney shall remit to Hammon \$15,401.41, which represents the fees previously awarded under the Equal Access to Justice Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2412. (See Doc. 24 at 4).

DATED this 31st day of May, 2022.

John Johnston

United States Magistrate Judge